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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND OTHER GRANTEES: THE SUCCESSOR
GENERATION IN THE NEW ALTHING

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING THE RECENT CHIEFS OF MISSION
CONFERENCE THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE
IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING TO REACH THROUGH OUR VISITOR
EXCHANGE AND OTHER PROGRAMS THE YOUNG, WESTERN EUROPEAN
"SUCCESSOR GENERATION" WHOSE MEMBERS MAY NOT BE PERSONALLY
FAMILIAR EITHER WITH THE UNITED STATES OR THE ORIGINS OF
THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO WESTERN EUROPEAN SECURITY AFTER
WORLD WAR II.

2. YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT AS A RESULT OF THE
NATIONAL ELECTIONS THAT WERE HELD OVER THE WEEKEND, THE
ALTHING WILL INCLUDE EIGHT NEW "SUCCESSOR GENERATION"
MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS FOR TRAVEL
EITHER TO THE U.S. OR TO NATO. OF THESE, ONE IS 29,
SIX ARE IN THEIR THIRTIES, AND THE OLDEST IS 42.

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3. WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO ESTIMATE IMPACT OF THESE FORMER
U.S. GRANTEES ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO US, WE ARE
ENCOURAGED TO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE CONSTRUCTIVE AS
A RESULT OF THE WIDENED PERCEPTION OF THE UNITED STATES
AND OF NATO WHICH THE GRANTS TO THEM MADE POSSIBLE.
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED
ICA UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS THROUGH THE

GRANTEE PROGRAM TO REACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THIS
"SUCCESSOR GENERATION".
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